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1. THE REFUGEE COORDINATOR AUGUST 9 CALLED ON MAJ. GEN. SISAK THAMMARAK, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (MOI). HE GAVE SISAK A MONTHLY LETTER TO MOI THAILAND. HE POINTED OUT THAT 1248 MORE REFUGEES HAD LEFT THAILAND FOR THE UNITED STATES DURING JULY.
2. HE THEN RAISED THREE PROBLEM AREAS: MALARIA AT THE ARANYAPRATHET CAMP; THE RECENT ARRIVAL OF OVER 300 KHMER AT THA PHRAYA DISTRICT OF PRAJINBURI PROVINCE, AND A THIRD TRANSIT CENTER IN BANGKOK. ON THE FIRST ISSUE, HE POINTED OUT THAT WESTERN DOCTORS ON THE SCENE HAD MENTIONED THAT MALARIA WAS RIFE AT ARANYAPRATHET. SISAK SAID THAT THE UNHCR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TOLD HIM THAT THE KAMPUT CAMP IN PONG NAMRON DISTRICT OF CHANTHABURI HAD MALARIA OR OTHER SEVERE HEALTH PROBLEMS, BUT THIS WAS THE FIRST HE HAD HEARD OF A SIMILAR SITUATION AT ARANYAPRATHET. SISAK SAID HE WOULD WORK ON THE PROBLEM RIGHT AWAY.
3. SISAK EXPRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS TO HAVE ALL THE KHMER WHO RECENTLY ARRIVED AT THA PHRAYA WHO HAD RELATIVES IN

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THE ARANYAPRATHET CAMP JOIN THEM THERE. HE SAID THE OTHER WOULD HAVE TO GO TO THE SURIN CAMP. (COMMENT: SISAK PROBABLY INTENDED TO SAY THAT THE RTG WOULD SEND THE OTHER TO THE RTG-RUN DETENTION CENTER IN BURIRAM. THE UNHCR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND THE DEPUTY INTERIOR MINISTER HAD BOTH EARLIER INDICATED THAT THE BURIRAM CENTER WAS THE INTENDED DESTINATION).

4. REGARDING THE THIRD TRANSIT CENTER IN BANGKOK, SISAK SAID THE MINISTRY WAS STILL WAITING PERMISSION FROM THE ROYAL THAI ARMY TO USE ONE OF ITS BUILDINGS IN THE CENTER OF TOWN NEAR LUMPINI PARK. HE ASKED ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATES TO FOLLOW UP ON THE REPLY.

5. IN FINAL COMMENTARY, SISAK SAID THAT HE EXPECTED A DECISION FROM THE PRIME MINISTER SOON ON LOCAL SETTLEMENT IN THAILAND OF MODEST NUMBERS OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. HE WAS OTHERWISE NON-COMMITTAL ABOUT THE RTG PROJECT EXCEPT TO SAY THAT REFUGEES FROM SEVERAL BUT NOT ALL OF THE INLAND CAMPS WOULD BE INVOLVED. ABRAMOWITZ

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